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### Newsletter #13:

#### What's New at Shanna Schmidt Numismatics Inc.

Spring is finally coming. It's been wacky weather but the flowers are starting to bloom and that makes me very happy! Along with Spring comes some super auctions and amazing material. Here is what is going on in the coming days.

#### Agora Auctions - May 9, 2017

I've always been one to support good effort and nice folks when they deserve it. Agora Auctions is a small auction company and while they aren't new to the auction scene, I think that their most recent auction is a change in a positive direction and should be noted. Alfredo De La Fe and Matt Richter are the partners in this venture and they work tirelessly to bring affordable coins to passionate collectors. Alfredo and I have spoken a lot in the last months and he wants to bring Agora to a new level. I think the current auction is worth a look. You won't find them listed on Sixbid or Numisbids but their site is [www.agoraauctions.com](http://www.agoraauctions.com). If you want help on any lots just let me know.

#### NAC 99 and 100 - May 29-30, 2017 (Switzerland)

Happily, NAC has finally posted their massive auction on Sixbid just today as I write this. I've only started going through the lots and I'm amazed at the pedigrees and the quality of the pieces. I can't imagine that my customers won't find something of interest in this auction. As I mentioned a few newsletters ago, my son Leo is having his bar mitzvah the weekend of these auctions so I am planning to phone bid. Most of you know that I regularly attend the bi annual NAC auctions, therefore, in order to properly and effectively serve my customers I am flying to London on May 8th to view lots for an entire week. Please feel free to contact me after you view the catalogs if you want my representation. Also, if you intend to bid and would like a catalog let me know as I should receive a number of them for customers. If you just want to have a catalog for NAC and don't plan to bid please be kind to me as it is time and money to send the catalogs out. I'm very happy to send them out if you bid with me but if not then I would ask that you stick with the online version or contact NAC directly.

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Central States is next week and I am planning to walk the show on Thursday. If you are planning to attend let me know. I'd love to visit with you.

### Coin of the Week

*SICILY, Syracuse. Agathokles. 317–289 BC. Syracuse, c. 317–310 BC. AR Tetradrachm, 16.94g (22mm, 4h). Wreathed head of Arethusa left, surrounded by three dolphins; below neck, NK. Reverse: ΣΥΠΑΚΟΣΙΩ[N] in exergue, charioteer, holding goad and reins, driving galloping quadriga left; above, triskeles; in exergue, monogram*

**Price: \$6,500**

*Agathokles was a tyrant of Syracuse. Tyrants in ancient Greek times were not the same as what we view the reckless and unfeeling tyrants of today. A tyrant was simply a person that seized power unconstitutionally or inherited such power.*

*Agathokles served with distinction in the army and was banished twice for attempting to overthrow the oligarchic government at the time. In 317 BC, he returned with a vengeance with an army, killed about 10,000 citizens and placed himself as King of Syracuse. The first campaigns that Agathokles waged successfully brought other city states in Sicily under his control. Later he unsuccessfully waged war on the Carthaginians, although he was able to secure a peace agreement that secured some of the land in Syracuse to remain under his control. Family quarrels surrounding his successors caused Agathokles to restore liberty among Syracusans.*

*This impressive coin of Agathokles follows the style and theme of earlier coins of Syracuse. One difference however is the image of Arethusa portrayed on the obverse of the coin as opposed to the reverse. The dynamic style of the quadriga is similar to its earlier predecessors.*

**References:** *Ierardi 42b; SNG ANS 633*

**Grade:** *Some minor porosity and wear, otherwise lovely style and great strike. aEF gk1097*

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Until next week!

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